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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am forwarding the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) Administrative Amendment No. 16, which makes technical adjustments to their 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The adjustments reduce funding for two Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) projects by \$68,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/07, and increases funding for one CMAQ project by the same amount and in the same FY. The projects included in this amendment have been demonstrated to satisfy the requirements of 40 CFR 93.118 and 93.119 without a new regional emissions analysis in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR 93.122(e)(2)(ii). The projects have been included in the regional emissions analysis of TCAG's conformity determination. The design concept, scope, and implementation schedule of the projects are not significantly different from that described in the transportation plan. In addition, the funding of these projects will not delay the implementation of projects in the metropolitan transportation plan or FTIP.

The changes are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System. Since administrative amendments do not require Federal Highway Administration and/or Federal Transit Administration approval, this FTIP amendment has been amended into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

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Please address any questions on this amendment to Penny Gray of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

Rachel Falsetti, Chief

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Enclosures

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